GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PRARAMBHIK SHIKSHA KOSH
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh with the money ollected from the education cess;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount spent for the Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh on elementary education and the Mid-day Meal Scheme during each of the last three years and in the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): After the imposition of Education Cess @ 2% on major Central Taxes through Finance (No.2) Act, 2004, a decision was taken by the Government to create a non-lapsable fund called the Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) for crediting into it, all proceeds of Education Cess. An order constituting PSK was issued on 14th November, 2005.

(c): The proceeds of the Education Cess credited to PSK are spent on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme of the Government. A provision of Rs.8746 crores for the initial transfer to the newly created PSK was made for the first time in the Union Budget 2006-07 against estimated receipts of Education Cess. Two statements giving State-wise information regarding amount spent on SSA and MDM Scheme from the component of PSK during 2006-07 and 2007-08 are annexed.